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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
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Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Fee Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/17);
2. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1);
3. Reply to Requirement for Election of Species;
4. Supplemental Application Data Sheet;
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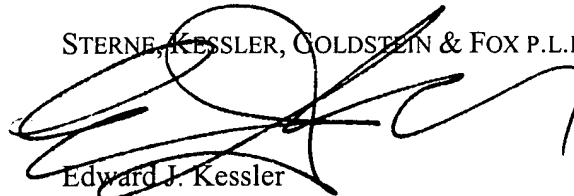
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